of experiments with increasing complexity of which the final test was on Sept. 26,1996 were conducted in order to understand the basis of cryogenic engine in a phased manner. Whereas the initial tests were conducted with gaseous Hydrogen and gaseous Oxygen, the final tests were conducted with liquid Hydrogen and liquid Oxygen as needed for an operational engine. With this test the series on subscale programme have been concluded after meeting all the objectives envisaged.

(c) The inputs from these tests form the engineering data base useful for development of a cryogenic stage of 7.5 tonne thrust rating for use in GSLV.

[Translation]

Jobs to Land Oustees

118 SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NTPC has acquired the agriculture land of local rural people for its power project at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a provision to employ these people whose land has been acquired for the purpose;

(d) if so, the number of such people who have been appointed so far; and

(e) the work done for the proper development of this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The Uttar Pradesh Government had acquired the land for he power project of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) at Dadri. 1524 acres of land had been acquired, out of which 67% was barren, waste and water logged.

(c) Subject to requirement/vacancies and suitablility, preference is given to Project Affected Persons in recruitment.

(d) The number of land oustees appointed so far is as under :-

Unskilled	:	137
Skilled	:	44

(e) The following works have been completed for the development of this area :-

1. Approach roads to villages.
2. Kharanja/drains in certain villages.
3. Construction of schools.
4. Construction of UP-Kendras (Jachha-Bachha Kendra)
5. The land oustees are being provided training in Computer Software application, training in motor driving and typing training with a view to equip the land oustees for taking up employment.
6. Allotment of shops and awarding contracts for petty works.

Non-conventional Energy Sources—Maharashtra

119. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether power is being generated through Non-conventional Energy Sources in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of energy being generated;

(c) if not, whether the Government have explored the possibility of electricity generation through Non-Conventional Energy Sources in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof plan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). 16.3 MW of power is being generated through non-conventional energy sources based on wind, small hydro, bagasse co-generation and solar photovoltaics in Maharashtra State.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Of the cummulative power generation capacity installed in the State, 11.62 MW has been installed during the 8th Plan period while the balance was installed prior to the 8th Plan.

[English]

INSAT-2 Satellite

120. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGARHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by India due to postponement of contractual payments for INSAT-2 launch services;

(b) the reasons for the postponement and whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K.ALAGH) : (a) No losses have been suffered due to postponement of one milestone of the contractual payments for INSAT-2 launch services.

(b) The postponement was done to adjust the cash flow during the Financial Years 1995-96 and 1996-97.